

WEATHER FORECAST—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES—This morning, 58; this afternoon, 74.

Sun Rises Tomorrow, 7:11; Sets, 5:25

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FEARFUL TRAGEDY THIS MORNING AT LANGLEY FIELD

Collision Between Two Airships Causes Death of Their Entire Crews

Newport News, Va., Dec. 6.—(By Associated Press).—Two officers and four enlisted men were killed at Langley Field at ten o'clock this morning when a Martin bomber plane collided with a Fokker while making a landing. The dead are Major Gearheart, Captain Doyle, Staff Sergeant Marick and Privates Blunka, Rolas and Jordan. The bomber it was said over the telephone was in the air when Major Gearheart took off in the Fokker. His machine struck the tail of the bomber and both machines fell to the earth. The major, captain and sergeant were caught in the wreckage and burned to death, while the privates were killed when they jumped from the planes.

CHICAGO LED IN THE SLAUGHTER

Fines Proving Ineffective to Curb Auto Maniacs, Stern Measures Are Being Adopted In Many States

Chicago, Dec. 6.—(By Associated Press).—Heavier fines, jail sentences and trips through the morgues and hospitals to view the dead or injured victims of reckless automobilists, are becoming effective in many parts of the middle west to curb the steadily mounting toll of auto victims, a digest from reports of several states shows. Fines alone, the report indicates, are not proving effective. In Chicago, Cook county, despite the increasing heavy fines, the death toll of auto accidents for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30th was 763 lives, compared with 660 last year.

HELL GET HIS

If White Men of Georgia or Florida Ever Lay Hands on Slayer Of Miss Hendry

Perry, Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press).—Sheriff Lipscomb announced today he had a report from Decatur county, Ga., near Bainbridge, that Charlie Wright, the escaped negro convict wanted in connection with the murder of Miss Ruby Hendry, age twenty-two, a school teacher of this place, Saturday, is believed to be at the home of a relative in the Georgia county and was leaving immediately to investigate. Miss Hendry was beaten over the head within a few yards of her home and her throat cut with a razor. The crew of a passing freight train discovered the body.

IMMENSE LOSSES TO THE ARMENIANS

An Associated Press mail dispatch from Athens says: The losses of the Armenian community in Smyrna total \$118,000,000 according to a tabulation made by a committee under the direction of the Bishop of Smyrna.

Sixty million of this total is in real and personal property, and the remainder in intangible assets like stocks and bonds in Armenian companies operating in Asia Minor. The annual income of 8000 Armenian families in Smyrna used to be \$7,500,000, whereof 15 per cent was given to charities and to be church.

Smyrna, which was the richest Armenian community in the world before the coming of the Turkish army, had twenty millionaires, but today every one of these men is virtually penniless. The largest losers are the landowners, textile importers and exporters of fruits, cereals, carpets and opium.

The number of Armenians killed in Smyrna, according to the committee, is 4000, and the number of persons who are missing or who have been made prisoners is stated to be 8000 men and 15,000 women.

The most prominent Armenian business men killed were Sarkis and Kasparian, landowners, and Gurunlian and Panossian, textile merchants.

ATTEMPT TO FORM AN UNION IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Washington, Dec. 6.—(Associated Press).—The Central American conference today received the final draft of its rules of procedure and faced the question of including in its agenda for discussion the proposal for a union of Central American countries.

LOCAL LEGISLATION

Many Matters of Interest Brought Up at the City Council Meeting Last Evening

The regular meeting of the council Tuesday night was interesting. All members of the council, the mayor, city manager and city attorney appeared before the meeting was over and each had something on his mind to bring before his colleagues.

After the reading of the minutes Mr. Martin threw the meeting open for oral communications. Mr. F. W. Ditto was present in behalf of the camp ground committee of the local realtors. Mr. Ditto stated that the ground was started just north of the Jewish cemetery on the north Dixie Highway. They have a two-acre plot cleared and have plans on foot for a shed, toilets, sewerage, lights and water. Mr. Ditto requested that the council give them \$100 at once and then the rest of the \$300 a little later on when they needed more. This request was granted and the council decided to donate water and lights to the camp ground if the realtors would pay for the pipe, wire, poles, etc., to be used in the installation of the water and lights.

The Baptist Baraca class presented a petition to the council requesting an ordinance against begging in the city. The council informed the committee from the class that there was such an ordinance and that all the class needed to get action was to jump on Mayor Peek. It is up to the mayor to see that the police enforce the ordinances.

Under the head of written communications the Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller Company requested that the city pay its bill of \$1659 which is due now. The council instructed Mr. Sistrunk to send a check for half the amount and ask the roller company to wait on the balance until more taxes were collected.

Mrs. W. V. Newson wrote a request that she be allowed to redeem some old paving certificates on her property on Fort King at their face value without the interest. The council regretted that it had not the power to grant this request.

An invitation was received from Port St. Joe, requesting the presence of the city officials at the dedication of its monument marking the site of the meeting of the first Florida state constitutional convention. Mr. Sistrunk was requested to acknowledge the invitation.

A letter was read from A. Simmons in which he requested that the paving certificates issued against his newly purchased lots at the foot of Main street be corrected. He was assessed for two-thirds of the cost of paving, when he bought the property under an agreement that he pay only half the cost of paving. The request was granted and the clerk was ordered to make the necessary changes in the certificates.

The rest room reported a balance on hand of \$342.04 and showed that 864 guests had registered during the month.

Report of the health officer showed that most of the city markets are in good condition and that the milk is better than it has been for several months past. The milk from the Painter dairy is the cleanest this month, while Mr. Henderson had the richest milk. Dr. Watt reported that he had visited the schools regularly and everything was going well in all.

Mr. T. S. Trantham was given the floor and he spoke a mouthful. When he had finished you could hear a pin drop in the room. He stated that he had written Mr. Hoeker a letter but Fred had forgotten to bring it to the meeting, so he would do his best to state the main issues in the letter. If there was anything he forgot we don't know what it was. He based his letter on the assumption that the council was going to pass on the assessment of Oklawaha's paving and that it was to cost a little over \$4 a front foot. He stated that he represented Mrs. E. L. Carney, A. G. Gates, G. T. Maugh, F. T. Schreiber, J. Malever, the Horne estate, J. D. Robertson and E. W. Clement. He merely touched

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MELLON ADVISES BETTER METHODS

Annual Report of the Secretary Of The Treasury Was Presented To Congress this Afternoon

Washington, Dec. 6.—(Associated Press).—Reduction of the maximum income surtax rate from the present 50 per cent to not more than 25 per cent and the closing up so far as possible of existing avenues of escape from federal taxes are urged by Secretary Mellon in his annual report, transmitted today to Congress. No general revision of the revenue laws is proposed nor are additional taxes suggested, Mr. Mellon expressing the hope of meeting any indicated government deficit through collection of back taxes and income from other sources.

The treasury secretary informs Congress that to attempt alone to stop the gaps through which there is an avoidance of tax payments to the government will not be enough because the existing rates of surtax "put such heavy pressure on the large taxpayers to reduce their tax incomes" that new ones would surely be found. He adds that the high "sound productive," but that the fact remains that they are becoming increasingly ineffective and are yielding less and less revenue each year.

Then bluntly he tells Congress that the time has come to "face the facts squarely" and to correct the artificial conditions which now prevail and which, he asserts, are not wholesome from the point of view of business or industrial development, and, at the same time, are impairing the revenues of the government.

The more important of the methods used by the taxpayers to reduce the amount of income subject to taxation are listed by Mr. Mellon as follows:

Deduction of losses on sales of capital assets, with the failure to realize on capital gains.

Exchanges of property and securities so as to avoid taxable gains.

Investment in tax-exempt securities.

Division of property, creation of trusts and the like.

FARM BLOC'S PROPOSITION FOR MUSCLE SHOALS

A government controlled corporation to produce nitrate for war purposes and cheap fertilizers for farmers, is proposed as a solution for the Muscle Shoals question by Representative Dickinson, leader of the farm bloc, who introduced a bill to put his plan into effect. The bill provides for the "Federal Chemical Corporation," consisting of the secretaries of war and agriculture and three members to be appointed by the president who would be given power to complete and operate the Muscle Shoals project.

LAFOLLETTE SWINGS HIS LIP

An attack on the proposed merger of the Armour and Morris meat packing concerns was made in the Senate today by Senator LaFollette, who declared the packers were seeking immunity in advance from the president and government officials.

Rubber-block paving is to be placed on St. Martin's Lane, London, England. Rubber, in addition to be noiseless, gives a hard, solid foundation, and lasts longer than ordinary paving material, altho the initial expense is greater, according to jacking experts.

TRYING TO AVOID FUTURE TROUBLE

Soft Coal Operators and Miners Planning to Prevent Any More Strikes

Chicago, Dec. 6.—(By Associated Press).—Negotiations were reopened today between the soft coal operators representing the nation's union output and a delegation of miners for the purpose of agreeing on some method of drafting a wage scale for miners next January and casting aside sectional differences. The operators are said to have agreed upon a plan to present to the miners for approval.

CHILLY WEATHER IN CHICAGO

Sub-Zero Temperature Around The Windy City Advances Rapidly Into the Southland

Chicago, Dec. 6.—(By Associated Press).—Still holding the northwest in a chilling grip of sub-zero temperatures, winter today continued its belated advance into the southland, causing marked drops in the temperature as far south as Texas, calling forth predictions of colder weather for the lake region, the great central valleys and in the east gulf states.

HIGH TIME FOR LAW TO TAKE A HAND

State Should Compel Foolish Parents To Take Care of Their Children

Jacksonville, Dec. 6.—(Associated Press).—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomason, charged with having deprived their child of the necessary medical attention, went on trial in criminal court here yesterday. The child, Elizabeth, three, was seriously injured last February when its clothing caught fire from an open grate. The parents, it is declared by the authorities, believe only in healing by prayer and did not call a physician, it is charged. The child recovered when sent to a hospital after local maneuvering by the authorities.

A CORRECTION

The Newspaper Contest Was Staged By the General Extension Division

Attention has been called to two mistakes which appeared in the article sent out from Jacksonville last week, in regard to the outcome of the state newspaper contest which had been held in conjunction with the Florida State Fair and Exposition.

The Agricultural Extension Division of the University, the report stated, conducted the contest. This was erroneous, as the entire exhibit, including the contest, was under the supervision of the General Extension Division of which B. C. Riley in director. Mr. Riley's name was given at R. R. Riley, the same who was the opponent of W. S. Cawthon in the primary race for the office of superintendent of public instruction.

China consumes the entire herring catch of the British Columbia coast, which averages about 40,000 tons annually. The fishing season is now in progress.

Ex-Premier Clemenceau was at one time a librarian in New York city.

IRELAND NOW IS SEMI-INDEPENDENT

King George Has Signed Proclamations Establishing the Free State With Healy For The First Governor General

London, Dec. 6.—(By Associated Press).—The historic privy council held in Buckingham Palace this evening dealt chiefly with the establishment of Ireland as an independent commonwealth. King George signed the proclamation giving effect to the new Irish state, also the proclamation appointing Timothy Healy as the first governor general of Ireland.

IRELAND IS AUTONOMOUS

Dublin, Dec. 6.—(By Associated Press).—Ireland took her place among the world's commonwealths today, the provisional government and parliament ceased to function, their place being taken by a permanent parliament and cabinet of the Irish Free State and the new commonwealth being formally by proclamation established. Governor General Healy is expected to address both houses later in the week.

BUSINESS WOMEN HELD AN INTERESTING MEETING

The Business and Professional Woman's Club held its regular meeting at the club rooms last night, with Miss Margaret Taylor in the chair. The club meeting was opened by repeating the club collect, followed by singing "America."

The meeting was then turned over to Miss Onie Chazal, who is chairman of the program committee, and Mr. John L. Edwards, president of the Ocala National Bank, the speaker of the evening, was introduced. From the time he started talking until he closed, Mr. Edwards could not have found a more attentive audience. The subject of his address was "Banking," in which the history of the American bank was clearly set forth, from the time of colonial days, when the American bank was an outgrowth and patterned after the Bank of England, through subsequent years to the time of Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren, when the national central power of banking was divided and the states were given more power, to the present national federal reserve banking system, which in the eight years it has been in effect has grown into what it considered the largest and safest banking system in the world.

This system, the speaker said, was one of the potent factors in winning the recent war, and made it possible for our country to loan the enormous sums of money to foreign governments necessary in the financing of the war. Mr. Edwards told how the federal reserve system, which is governed by a federal reserve board of twelve at Washington, in turn operates and works with a federal reserve committee which is composed of members, one from each of the twelve federal reserve districts in the United States, co-operating with state banks and local banks, making the banking system of this country as safe and sound as the government which stands behind it. Mr. Edwards then touched on the different classes of banks, which includes trust companies, clearing houses, building and loan associations, etc. The address was so clear and simple that any one might understand and still so comprehensive and interesting that any business man could learn something. The members of the club are certainly indebted to Mr. Edwards for this interesting and enlightening address, and it is a pity it could not have been heard by every person in Ocala, for this subject of banking touches every person, from the baby whose parents start a savings account to the financier to whom banking is the backbone of his success.

At this meeting the election of officers for the coming year was held. The following are those who will hold office during the year 1923: President, Miss Carrie Barco; vice-president, Mrs. Charles Simpson; second vice-president, Mrs. Susan Ellis; treasurer, Miss Helen Veal; recording secretary, Miss Adele Bittinger; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ola Potter; auditor, Mrs. Annie Rooney; director, Miss Margaret Taylor; press reporter, Miss Mabel Akins.

After the meeting refreshments were served and a delightful social half-hour spent.

Advertise in the Evening Star.

CURZON INSISTS ON ALLIED CONTROL

Turks Suddenly Realize That Russia Is Heading Them Straight Into Trouble

Lausanne, Dec. 6.—(By Associated Press).—The Entente plan for keeping open the Straits of the Dardanelles during war and peace, providing for the appointment of an international commission of control composed of the great powers, including the United States, Turkey and other countries bordering the Black Sea, was presented to the peace conference today by Lord Curzon, acting for the Allies.

TURKS TAKE A TUMBLE

A Turkish spokesman outside the auditorium said the Turkish position probably would be found nearer the Allied plan than the Russian. The Turks it appears have suddenly realized the Russian plan for Turkish control would force Turkey to build a navy.

MADE HER WAY TO MEXICO

Is the Opinion of California Officers Regarding Mrs. Phillips' Escape

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—(Associated Press).—The search for Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted of beating to death Mrs. Alberta Meadows with a hammer and who escaped from the county jail early yesterday, is in active progress in Southern California and Lower California, but despite various tips sheriff's deputies generally held to their original belief that the woman fled across the border into Mexico.

MAKING WAR ON THE MOSQUITO

Crusaders Against the Pesticiferous Insects Meeting in Daytona For a War Council

Daytona, Dec. 6.—(By Associated Press).—A Florida state-wide anti-mosquito conference began here today to continue through tomorrow with representatives of the United States department of agriculture, the United States public health service, state, county and municipal health officials in attendance.

SEWELL IS SORE

Development Board's Methods Meet His Decided Disapproval

Miami, Dec. 6.—President Sewell of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, has resigned as director of the Florida State Development Board. He gave as the reason total disapproval of the policy of the board. He likewise announced his refusal to aid the board's five million dollar campaign to advertise the state. B. B. Tatum, of a big realty firm, announces that after this year the firm will refuse to donate to the support of the board.

NOTICE TO WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

Every member of Fort King Camp, Woodmen of the World, is strongly urged to attend the meeting Friday night, Dec. 8th, 7:30 o'clock, in Odd Fellows hall. Sovereign Auditor Lewis, State Manager Rivers and Chief Mustering Officer Darden will be present. Refreshments will be served. C. K. Sage, Clerk.

Five thousand dollars was paid for a single branch of red apples in Ferrell, New Jersey, by a nursery firm. A record and agreement of purchase have been filed with the county clerk. The owner received \$1,000 outright for the purchase of the apple branch, and will receive \$4,000 additional in installments at the rate of two cents each for every tree budded from this branch, which is to remain on the tree in the orchard, according to reports.

Next to the main entrance of the Doorn city hall, there is a small space on the wall, covered with glass, in which, according to the prescriptions of the Dutch law, are published the names of each couple intending to be married within two weeks. In this little square there was posted, recently, the marriage announcement of the ex-Kaiser and Princess Hermine of Reuss both "without occupation." The groom's title and domicile are given as "Emperor and King Wilhelm II, age 63 years, living in Doorn."

